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Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendments.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 36, line 11, please change "numeric and date field data" to -transaction data and item data extracted from numeric and date fields within the aforementioned databases (10, 15, 30, 35 and 40)--.

On page 36, line 17, please change "cumulative total value, the period to period rate of change in value, the rolling average value and the time lagged value of each numeric item variable" to --summary data like cumulative total value; ratios like the period to period rate of change in value; trends like the